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Applicant filed a Communication on October 18, 2002 and subsequently, the undersigned conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Brown, in which it was agreed that the final rejection of Paper No. 23 would be withdrawn and a non-final rejection would be sent out. It is noted that the undersigned has yet to receive a further communication from the Examiner. Please advise the undersigned on the current status of the above-identified application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-1068.

Respectfully submitted,

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